

## Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC)

### Annual Report

### Fiscal Year 2008

October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008

#### **A. Background**

Public Law 108-15, approved on April 23, 2003, established the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, commemorative coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals and national medals. This report presents the CCAC's recommendations for commemorative coinage in each of the next five calendar years, and summarizes the CCAC's activities during fiscal year 2008.

#### **B. CCAC Recommendations**

##### **1. General Recommendations**

The CCAC encourages the highest standards of artistic excellence for America's coins and medals, and appreciates and supports Mint Director Edmund Moy's call for a "Neo-Renaissance" in American coin design. The committee recognizes the importance of the nation's coinage, not only in facilitating the needs of commerce, but also as an artistic medium to recognize the significant achievements of the nation and its people, to honor great national leaders of the past and to illustrate the foundational values of the republic. With recognition toward these ends, the CCAC would be pleased to help further artistic excellence by serving as a resource in the development of proposals for circulating commemoratives and through providing recommendations on commemorative programs and medals.

##### **2. Circulating Commemoratives**

The past decade has seen a number of successful programs involving circulating commemorative coinage designs. Each state was commemorated through the now concluded 50 State Quarters® Program and the Westward Journey Nickel Series™ celebrated the accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark expedition. America's chief executives are currently being honored in the order of their service through the Presidential \$1 Coin Program, and, with the introduction in 2009 of the Native American \$1 Coin Program native American themes will be honored in a series of annually changing designs. Further innovation in coin design will occur in 2009, with the issuance of both the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program and four cent designs commemorating the bicentennial of President Lincoln's birth. These new designs will be followed in 2010, with the introduction of a new cent design representing Lincoln's role in preserving the Union.

Also beginning in 2010, the America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Act of 2008 authorizes the commemoration of national parks or national sites in each state, the District of Columbia and each territory of the United States at the rate of five designs annually to be

facilitated on the reverse or “tails” side of quarter-dollar coins. Recognizing President Theodore Roosevelt’s historic leadership and vision in establishing national parks, forests, monuments and game preserves (totaling approximately 230 million acres), the CCAC suggests a commemorative image of Roosevelt be authorized on the obverse or “heads” side of quarter-dollar coins issued during the term of the program.

The CCAC would be pleased to assist in the development of other proposals for circulating commemoratives, including, possibly a five-year circulating “Liberty” commemorative series beginning in 2011. Each year, one denomination would be issued with an image representing Liberty, alongside the regular design for that denomination. The series could begin with a Liberty Half Dollar issued alongside the Kennedy Half Dollar during the year 2011, followed by a Liberty Quarter issued alongside the Washington Quarter in 2012, a Liberty Dime issued alongside the Roosevelt Dime in 2013, a Liberty Nickel issued alongside the Jefferson nickel in 2014, and a Liberty Cent issued alongside the Lincoln cent in 2015. With these five new coins, each issued for a single year, America’s coinage would present a series of new, artistic images representing one of America’s core values.

### **3. Numismatic Commemoratives**

The United States Congress has a long tradition of authorizing numismatic commemoratives, minted and issued by the United States Mint for sale to the general public. The Commemorative Coin Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) provides that the Secretary may mint and issue no more than two commemorative coin programs in any calendar year. The CCAC recommends that each year’s two programs should be selected from the following alternatives:

#### **2009:**

*Programs Already Enacted:*

**Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial** [not more than 500,000 silver dollars]

**Louis Braille Bicentennial** [not more than 400,000 silver dollars]

#### **2010:**

*Programs Already Enacted:*

**American Veterans Disabled for Life** [not more than 350,000 silver dollars]

**Boy Scouts of America Centennial** [not more than 350,000 silver dollars]

#### **2011:**

*Programs Already Enacted:*

**United States Army** [not more than 100,000 gold \$5 coins, not more than 500,000 silver dollars, not more than 750,000 copper-nickel half-dollars]

*Programs Recommended by the CCAC:*

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Harriet Beecher Stowe.** The publication of Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in 1852 was a landmark event in the struggle against slavery in the United States. Recommended mintage: not more than 500,000 silver dollars.

## **2012**

*Programs already enacted:*

**National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center** [not more than 350,000 silver dollars]

*Programs recommended by the CCAC:*

**National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.** Located in Emmitsburg, MD, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial honors American firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Recommended mintage: not more than 500,000 silver dollars.

## **2013**

*Programs already enacted:*

None

*Programs recommended by the CCAC:*

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech.** Dr. King's renowned speech on August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. was a great inspirational milestone in the struggle for civil rights. Recommended mintage: not more than 500,000 silver dollars; not more than 750,000 half dollars and 500,000 silver dollars

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution.** By mandating that United States Senators be elected by the people rather than through appointment by state legislatures, the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment enabled the nation to more fully realize the precept enunciated in the Declaration of Independence of government flowing from "the consent of the governed". Recommended mintage: not more than 500,000 silver dollars.

## **4. Other Recommendations**

Medals provide an excellent opportunity to develop, explore and advance the craft of medallic art and to showcase the artistic abilities of the U.S. Mint. In an effort to promote artistic excellence in U.S. coins and medals, the CCAC recommends an "Expressions of America" art medal program that will provide opportunities for innovation and the use of advanced design techniques. These could include ultra high relief, incused design treatments, laser etching, selective gold-plating, holograms, colorization, gold cameo inserts, holographic colors, or bi-metallic outer rings. The program would provide for free artistic expression and the creation of beautiful works of art focused on American themes. Annual design themes could be developed through the U.S. Mint with final theme selections made by the Secretary of the Treasury. The program could be limited to not more than two medals each year.

## CCAC Activities During Fiscal Year 2008

The CCAC held eight meetings during Fiscal Year 2008. All were held at United States Mint headquarters in Washington, DC, except for the 8/1/2008 meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association in Baltimore, MD.

Date	Agenda
11/13/2007	Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Silver \$1
1/15/2008	Congressional Gold Medal for Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D. 2009 Lincoln Cent, Aspect 4 "Presidency" 2009 Presidential \$1 Coin Obverses Presidential Dollar Design Templates
3/13/2008	2009 Ultra-High Relief 24-Karat Gold Coin 2009 Lincoln Cent, Aspect 4 "Presidency" 2009 Louis Braille Bicentennial Silver \$1
4/22/2008	2009 First Spouse Gold Bullion Coins and Bronze Medals 2009 Native American \$1 Narrative
5/20/2008	2009 District of Columbia and United States Territories Quarters
6/18/2008	2009 Native American \$1
8/1/2008	2009 American Eagle Platinum Bullion Coins
9/24/2008	George W. Bush Presidential Medal

## CCAC Membership

The CCAC consists of 11 members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Four members are appointed based on their special qualifications; three members are appointed to represent the general public; and four members are appointed after recommendation by the leadership of the United States Congress. The members of the CCAC as of September 30, 2008 were:

### John K. Alexander (appointed based on special qualifications in American History)

Dr. Alexander is a professionally trained historian who has served as a Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati for more than three decades. Among his accomplishments, Dr. Alexander has authored three books, *Render Them Submissive: Response to Poverty in Philadelphia, 1760-1800*; *The Selling of the Constitutional Convention of 1787: A History of News Coverage*; and *Samuel Adams: America's Revolutionary Politician*. Dr. Alexander has also served as one of the Associate Editors for the American National Biography project, and received awards for excellence in teaching.

Dr. Alexander received a B.S. from Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University), an M.A. in history from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago.

**Michael Brown (appointed after recommendation by then-Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid)**

Mr. Brown is Vice President of Public Affairs for Barrick Gold Corporation. He served as Special Assistant to former United States Mint Director Donna Pope from 1981 to 1989, and prior to that served as Vice President of the Gold and Silver Institute in Washington, D.C. Mr. Brown holds a B.S. degree from Ohio State University and an MBA from George Washington University.

**Roger Burdette (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatics)**

Mr. Burdette is a life-long numismatist and author of a series of three critically acclaimed books titled *Renaissance of American Coinage*, each of which was recognized as Book of the Year by the Numismatic Literary Guild. He is also the author of *A Guide Book of Peace Dollars*, and numerous articles for numismatic publications. Mr. Burdette holds a Bachelors of Science degree and a Masters of Science degree, both in Education, from the University of Maryland. He is a Lead Information Systems Engineer for a nationally known nonprofit research and development corporation.

**Arthur Houghton (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatic curation)**

A former Foreign Service Officer, Mr. Houghton's experience includes tenure as Associate Curator and acting Curator-in-Charge at the J. Paul Getty Museum from 1982 to 1986, and current or past memberships on the boards of the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Corning Museum of Glass, the Middle East Institute, and the American Numismatic Society (he served as ANS President from 1995-1999). Mr. Houghton holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College and Master of Arts degrees from the American University of Beirut , Lebanon , and Harvard University .

**Gary Marks (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)**

Currently, the City Administrator of Ketchum, Idaho, Mr. Marks has served in city government for over 20 years, and has managed cities in Oregon, Montana, and Idaho. While working as the city manager of the City of Whitefish, Montana, Mr. Marks served as a Commissioner of the Montana Quarter Design Selection Commission. Mr. Marks later served as the Master of Ceremonies at the official launching ceremony for the 2007 Montana Quarter Dollar. A dedicated numismatist for 35 years, he also served as Executive Director of the Whitefish Centennial Medallion Commission. An expert collector of Washington Quarters, Barber Half Dollars and Walking Liberty Half-Dollars, he holds a B.A. in Human Resource Management from George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon.

**Rev. Dr. Richard Meier (appointed after recommendation by then-Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert)**

The Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier is pastor of Alpine Lutheran Church in Rockford, IL. He has also served the Lutheran Church in San Jose, CA; St. Paul, MN; Bariloche, Argentina, as a missionary; and Hialeah, FL during his 37-year career. He has been called upon to volunteer on a variety of community-related boards and committees in leadership positions. A coin collector since childhood, Rev. Meier collects United States type coins and coins from around the world.

He earned his B.A. from Augustana College, the Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and the Doctor of Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Fluent in Spanish, he especially enjoys multicultural gatherings where bridges are built between people of different backgrounds.

**Dr. Mitchell Sanders (CCAC chair; appointed to represent the interests of the general public)**

Dr. Sanders is an avid numismatist, and author of numerous articles examining the numismatic connection between symbolism and society. He writes a monthly column for beginning collectors in *The Numismatist*, official journal of the American Numismatic Association.

Dr. Sanders graduated from Duke University in 1991, and received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Rochester (NY) in 1997. He has published various academic articles in the fields of American Politics and Statistics, and is co-author of the monograph *Understanding Multivariate Research*. He has been on the faculty at Florida State University and the University of Notre Dame, and currently works as a Statistician in Rochester, New York.

**Donald Scarinci (appointed after recommendation by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid)**

Mr. Scarinci has written articles, taught classes, and conducted presentations on the subject of art medals for the New York Numismatic Club, the American Numismatic Association, the American Numismatic Society summer seminar, and elsewhere. He currently serves as a member of the Saltus Award Committee of the ANS. In addition to being a member of the AMSA, Scarinci is also a member of the Finnish Art Medal Society, the Dutch Art Medal Society and the British Art Medal Society. He is one of five founding officers of the Colonial Coin Collectors Club (C-4), founded in 1992.

Mr. Scarinci is the Founding Partner of Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. He has recently published a book, "David Brearley and the making of the United States Constitution."

**Sherl Joseph Winter (appointed based on special qualifications in sculpture or medallic arts)**

Mr. Winter is an award-winning professional sculptor-engraver who has worked with many private Mints in the design and execution of more than 300 medals. He is currently the owner of the Winter Art Studio in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Winter previously worked for sixteen years as a sculptor-engraver at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, where he designed numerous Treasury and National Medals. He also modeled the reverse of the 1986 Eagle Gold Bullion coin, and he has received commemorative credits for the 1986 Statue of Liberty half-dollar (reverse) the 1988 Olympic silver dollar (reverse), and the 2006 San Francisco Old Mint silver dollar (obverse). Mr. Winter was appointed Acting Chief-Engraver upon the retirement of Frank Gasparro.

Mr. Winter's education includes a B.F.A. and M.F.A. from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, he has received training from an array of art institutes, such as the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Balboa Park Art Center in San Diego, California; and Dayton Art Institute in Dayton, Ohio.